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CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: City Council Will Recognize Members of the Lodi Fire Department Who Were on the Strike Teams Fighting the "Old Fire" in San Bernardino County

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2003

PREPARED BY: Michael E. Pretz, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Council would like to recognize the efforts of Lodi Firefighters: Division Chief Kevin Donnelly, Captains Mike Tecklenburg and Sandy Wichman, Engineers Mike Harden and Aimee Dalrymple, and Firefighters Emilio Cahue and Mark Azevedo.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On Sunday, October 26, Lodi Firefighters were dispatched to southern California as part of a county-wide strike team to battle the wildfires ravaging San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura counties. This deployment is the largest fire fighting resource deployment in State history.

Upon arrival at the staging site, Lodi Firefighters were attached to the "Old Fire." The Lodi crews worked night operations saving several homes in the Devore area. Crews were later assigned to the Crestline/Lake Arrowhead area where they again battled flames and helped divert the fire around a hospital. Although several hundred homes were lost, several thousand were saved by their collective efforts.

We have attached several fire pictures so that Council can see the type of conditions Lodi Firefighters were operating in.

FUNDING: None


Michael E. Pretz, Fire Chief

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED:


H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager



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